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DRUG PRICE CONTROL
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to enact a drugs price control law for effective monitoring and enforcement of drug prices;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the extent to which the prices of medicines are Sikely to fall as a result thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARTL1AMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

(a) to (c): In the draft National Pharmaceutical Policy, 2006, it has been proposed, inter alia, that a separate Drugs (Price Regulation and Control) Act may be introduced to strengthen the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) for effective monitoring and enforcement of drug prices. This Policy was submitted before the Cabinet for its approval. The Cabinet considered the Policy in its meeting held on 11-1-2007. it was decided that the matter may, in the first instance, be considered by a Group of Ministers (GOM). A Group of Ministers has since been constituted.